

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 22 1400 Hours 20 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, and assisting in damage assessments compilation.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; and keep stakeholders and the public informed.

After Action Review by representatives of those agencies which responded at the VEOC to Tropical Storm Ernesto will be conducted on 5 October.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Marine Resources Commission language for an amended Executive Order has been accepted. On 15 September Governor Kaine amended Executive Order Number 34 (2006) by providing for an expedited state permitting process for pier and shoreline restoration projects needed to correct damage caused by Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond. ***No response has been received.***

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**
Richmond City – Closed 15 September

Local State of Emergency Declared

James City County – 7 September @ 1200

York County – 1 September @ 0900

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900

City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130

City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200

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Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830

Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Continuing to respond to media inquiries, coordinating legislative inquiries, and developing an announcement strategy for a potential Presidential Disaster declaration.

On 18 September, a VDEM representative attended the Hampton Town Meeting sponsored by Representative Scott. Citizen attendance was approximately 100. Several City officials and agency heads were in attendance as was United States Army Corps of Engineers personnel.

WEATHER FORECAST

Hurricane Helene is currently a category 2 hurricane and is located about 670 southeast of Bermuda. Helene is moving toward the northwest near 12 mph and a gradual turn to the west is expected over the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are near 105 mph with higher gusts and some strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Helene does not pose any threat to the US at this time.

Hurricane Gordon is currently located in the Azores and is moving toward the east near 33 mph and a turn towards the east-northeast is expected later today as it becomes extra tropical. Gordon is currently a Tropical Storm and does not pose any threat to the US at this time.

Tonight: Low temperatures near 47 and winds will be Northwest between 10 to 13 MPH becoming light.

Thursday: Sunny with highs in the low 70's. North wind between 3 to 5 MPH. Night time lows around 46 with calm winds.

Friday: Mostly sunny with highs near 78. Calm wind becoming southerly around 6 MPH. Night time lows around 60 under partly cloudy skies.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	Extended to 24 September
<i>Lifting Equipment</i>	<i>County of King George</i>	<i>Closed</i>

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VDH reports 3 small waterworks remain under boil water notices (BWN). VDH continues to monitor bacteriological sample results and anticipates all the boil water notices will be lifted once all lab tests are completed. Portions of the following counties under this

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advisory are Essex, Goochland and Northumberland. An estimate of the total population affected by the BWN is now at 604.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: *American Red Cross National Headquarters set up in Richmond closed 18 September. Any remaining cases are being handled by the appropriate Local Chapter.*

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
<i>Accomack County</i>	<i>\$4,911,856</i>	<i>\$781,169.96*</i>
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86*
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$205,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Halifax County	N/A	\$3,300*
Hampton City	\$1,763,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$5,218,000	\$360,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$137,109.26*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396

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Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$124,162.68*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$41,358,298.79
Richmond County	\$1,550,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	N/A	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Subtotal	\$67,903,194**	\$49,715,415.98*

State Agency (Excludes VDOT)

Department of Corrections	\$23,179
Department of Emergency Management	\$1,450,000
Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	N/A
Department of Environmental Quality	N/A
Department of Fire Programs	\$1,443
Department of Health	\$825
Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse	\$38,280
Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy	N/A
Department of General Services	\$73,261.82
John Tyler Community College	\$80,712
Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus	\$12,700
Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus	\$10,000
Thomas Nelson Community College	\$12,380
Virginia Port Authority	\$13,450.48
Virginia State Police	\$14,402.58
Subtotal	\$1,735,867.39

Grand Total

\$67,903,194

\$51,451,283.37

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

Damage Assessment Team: Updates or revisions to locality specific damage assessment data was due to VDEM on September 15, 2006. This deadline has been communicated to emergency managers in VDEM Regions 1 and 5.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.

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